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FOR MIGUEL VELEZ.

WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INDICES AND CRIMNAL CHECKS ON UBJECTS OF CASE.

MIAMI, AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION.

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TO: SAC, MIAMI (245D-297)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (245D-7)(P)

MIGUEL VELEZ;
[redacted]
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ADLER B. SEAL - VICTIM;
OCDE TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - MURDER;
OO: NEW ORLEANS

Re Miami tel to the Director dated 3/3/86.

Per request of Miami Division, enclosed please find photographs of individuals in custody in connection with the above captioned matter:

MIGUEL VELEZ
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COINROLL; MIGUEL VELEZ; [redacted] ADLER B. SEALE - VICTIM; OCDE TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - MURDER

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO FBIHQ, DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1986. b7C

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW ORLEANS, [redacted] WAS ARRESTED BY MIAMI FBI ON MARCH 2, 1986. ARREST WARRANT WAS ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 28, 1986, IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FOR [redacted] CHARGING THEM WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, U.S.C. 657 AND 2. [redacted] WAS ARRESTED WITHOUT INCIDENT AT HIS RESIDENCE AT [redacted] MIAMI, FLORIDA. [redacted]

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[redacted] OF AMERIFIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, WITH ASSISTANCE BY [redacted] ARE CHARGED WITH MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TOTALING $88,725 FROM SAID INSTITUTION.

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AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW [redacted] FURNISHED BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND DECLINED TO MAKE A STATEMENT RELATING TO ANY OF THE CHARGES. [redacted] WAS QUESTIONED RELATING TO THE EXISTENCE OF A WEAPON IN THENEW ORLEANS AREA, ANDAPPEARED SUPPRISD THAT A WEAPON EXISTED REGISTERED IN HIS NAME. [redacted] WASFURNISHED NO DETAILS RELATING TO THE MURDER INVESTIGATION OF WITNESS [redacted]

[redacted] IS SCHEDULED FOR AN INITIAL APPEARANCE ON MARCH 3, 1986, IN MIAMI, FLORIA.

MIAMI CONTINUING EFFORTS TO LOCATE [redacted] AND WIL APPRISE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

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To ACTING SAC, WAYNE R. TAYLOR (245D-7) (P) Date 3/10/86

From SSA [redacted]

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It should be noted that during the investigation of captioned matter [redacted]

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Memorandum

To SAC, NEW ORLEANS (245D-7) (P) Date 2/27/86

From SA [redacted] b7C

Subject ADLER BERRIMAN SEAL;
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On February 19, 1986, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), New Orleans, Louisiana, received information from Supervisor [redacted] b7C at approximately 7:30 P.M. that ADLER BERRIMAN SEAL had been murdered in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by two (2) Latin males using machine guns sometime between 6:00 and 6:30 P.M. From eyewitness accounts, the first male was described as being 6'0" in height, having short, curly hair, and wearing a light, two (2) piece suit. The second male was described as being [redacted] in height, [redacted] having short, straight, black hair, and wearing a two (2) piece brown suit with an orange shirt. Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana, met at the MOISANT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT at approximately 7:45 P.M. in the event that the above-decribed individuals would attempt to leave the area by airplane that evening.

Inquiries were made by the above-named agents at CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, DELTA AIRLINES, REPUBLIC AIRLINES, ROYALE AIRLINES, AMERICAN AIRLINES, and EASTERN AIRLINES with regard to Latin males fitting the above descriptions arriving from Baton Rouge or travelling from New Orleans to the State of Florida. At approximately 8:45 P.M., an individual fitting the description of one of the subjects was observed at the EASTERN AIRLINES ticket counter. The subject was approximately 6' in height, had short, curly hair, and was wearing aqua colored trousers, cotton or denim like, with a similarly light colored shirt worn open at the chest. The subject also wore a gold chain around his neck with a cross attached, and a camera strapped around his neck and worn in the front. In addition, the subject wore white or off-white tie shoes. The subject also had a thin mustache. His pants were baggy and he carried a maroon/brown suit-type bag. The subject weighed approximately 175-185 pounds.

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SA [redacted] overheard the subject ask the Ticket Agent for the first flight to Miami and was told that all flights to Miami had previously departed. He then asked for a flight to Orlando, Florida, and was told that all flights to Florida had departed. At this point, Sergeant (Sgt.) [redacted] Kenner Police Department, Airport Unit, and the above-named agents identified themselves to the individual and he voluntarily began answering questions in the middle of the concourse in front of the EASTERN AIRLINES ticket counter. The subject voluntarily provided a driver's license and a passport as MIGUEL VELEZ, 1500 Northwest 52nd Street, North Miami, Florida. VELEZ stated that he was born in Puerto Rico on June 7, 1949, and that he was in New Orleans vacationing. Airline tickets he displayed showed that VELEZ arrived in New Orleans on February 16, 1986, and was scheduled to depart on February 28, 1986. VELEZ appeared to be anxious at the time of this questioning as noted by the hesitation in his speech and by perspiration emanating from both sides of his forehead. VELEZ advised that he did not know anyone in New Orleans but had stayed at the HILTON HOTEL near the airport during his time here. VELEZ stated that he had just come from the French Quarter where he met an individual known to him as [redacted] but was unable to provide [redacted] address, present location, or telephone number. VELEZ stated that he wanted to return back to Miami, Florida, where he has a wife named [redacted] at the above address. However, VELEZ stated that his telephone number was (305) 447-5113, later advising that was, in fact, a beeper number and that there was no telephone at his above address. The passport in VELEZ'S name originated from Puerto Rico and showed that VELEZ had been in Colombia, South America.

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VELEZ gave Police Sergeant [redacted] verbal permission to inspect his luggage and upon completion, became slightly more agitated. At approximately 9:00 P.M., VELEZ asked Sgt. [redacted] where he could obtain a taxicab in order to return back to a hotel and then proceeded toward the downstairs taxicab area.

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Interviews of airline personnel by SAs [redacted] then resumed. Ticket Agents at the DELTA AIRLINES ticket counter advised that a flight to Miami, Florida, had departed from New Orleans at approximately 7:55 P.M. Ticket Agent [redacted] home telephone number - [redacted] advised DELTA employees that he had taken a fare from a Latin individual whom he described as being 5'6" tall, dark complexion, stocky, wearing glasses, and being in possession of a Florida

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driver's license. [redacted] told employees working that evening who in turn advised SA [redacted] that a driver from the HILTON HOTEL translated for this individual. Investigation determined that the subject flew using the name, [redacted] and that [redacted] paid $200.00 in cash for his ticket. [redacted] seemed anxious to get to Miami, Florida, quickly and was willing to pay a more expensive fare for the first flight which he could obtain rather than significantly less expensive flights at other times. DELTA Security Agent [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the above description was that of [redacted] and that he personally escorted [redacted] to the gate and had checked his identification. The above description given by [redacted] matched one of the descriptions of one of the subjects. [redacted] was to fly to Atlanta and then on to Miami, arriving in Miami at 1:40 A.M. The Miami Office of the FBI was telephonically contacted by SA [redacted] and advised to further identify [redacted] upon his arrival in Miami, as [redacted] fit the description of one of the individuals involved in the murder of "Barry" SEAL.

[redacted] had been profiled by the DELTA AIRLINES Security Agent because of his being in a hurry to get to Miami, his paying cash for the ticket, his Hispanic descent, his ticket being only one-way to Miami, and his not having made prior reservations. The Ticket Agent felt [redacted] had gone to various airlines in the terminal in order to get the earliest flight possible before he settled on DELTA AIRLINES flight number 1014, departing at 7:55 P.M. to Atlanta with connecting DELTA flight number 141 to Miami.

SA [redacted] then telephoned the DELTA AIRLINES desk and advised that the taller subject seen at the shooting, wore clothing which resembled hospital "scrubs", which are greenish in color and that the subject had a thin mustache. Also, the car left near the scene of the killing was purchased in New Orleans, Louisiana, on February 16, 1986 (the same day the VELEZ flew into New Orleans).

Officers of the Kenner Police Department (KPD), Airport Unit, advised that VELEZ had been located (at the request of the above-named agents) at the HILTON HOTEL at 901 Airline Highway, Kenner, Louisiana. VELEZ had just registered at that location. SA [redacted] arrived at the HILTON within minutes and was advised by Hotel Manager [redacted] that MIGUEL VELEZ had registered at the hotel at approximately 9:00 P.M. and was assigned to Room 269. HILTON HOTEL Security Officer [redacted]

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that a male Hispanic observed by SA [redacted] in the lobby of the hotel had been seen by him on the previous night in the company of VELEZ. The Hispanic male in the lobby was approximately 5'6" in height, weighing approximately 160-170 pounds, had black or brown hair, and carried two (2) pieces of luggage - a greenish suitcase and a brown leather-like duffle bag. At that point, this individual was detained with the assistance of Kenner Police Detectives. In Spanish, SA [redacted] asked the individual if he spoke English and he responded negatively. He was asked where he was from and to which he responded, "Venezuela", but had no identification on his person according to Kenner Police Detectives. This detention occurred at approximately 9:15 P.M. at which time, SA [redacted] was summoned from the airport across the street in order to question the individual further with regard to his relationship to VELEZ. Prior to the detention, another hotel employee (unknown to this writer at this time) advised that this individual had just asked about the individual registered in Room 269 (VELEZ).

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Special Agent (SA) [redacted] questioned the Spanish male being detained at the HILTON AIRPORT HOTEL with regard to his identity. He responded that his name was [redacted] and his date of birth as [redacted]

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Border Patrol Agent [redacted] questioned [redacted] in Spanish, at which time, he admitted to Patrol Agent that [redacted]

Border Patrol (USBP) Agent [redacted] upon completing an inventory of his luggage, found a passport in the name of [redacted] was arrested on [redacted] Louisiana, and it was later determined that the fingerprints of [redacted] matched those in vehicles found in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, which were associated with the murder

of ADLER BERRIMAN SEAL).

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At approximately 9:30 P.M., [redacted] advised that VELEZ had checked back into the HILTON HOTEL at 901 Airline Highway, Kenner, Louisiana, at approximately 9:00 P.M., on February 19, 1986. [redacted] stated that VELEZ questioned him about taking a taxicab so that he could travel into downtown New Orleans. VELEZ took a SERVICE CAB at approximately 9:15 P.M. Further investigation through the dispatcher at SERVICE CAB determined that VELEZ gave the taxicab driver $264.00 in cash and requested that the cab driver take him to Montgomery, Alabama, telling him that he expected to return the next day and requesting the cab driver to wait for him. As later reported to FBI, Meridan, Mississippi SA [redacted] the taxicab driver, [redacted] advised that VELEZ anticipated staying in Montgomery, Alabama, at least two to three (2 to 3) days, however. SA [redacted] advised that [redacted] told him that VELEZ was basically unwilling to converse with the cab driver during their trip.

Subsequently, State Police in Louisiana and adjoining states were contacted in an effort to locate [redacted] and VELEZ. Oral authorization for a warrant for the arrest of VELEZ was obtained and this information was transmitted to local and state authorities.

Sometime around midnight, HILTON HOTEL (DFOO) [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that employee [redacted] had telephoned him and reported that he had been stopped at a red light on Williams Boulevard en route to his residence upon terminating his work on the evening of February 19, 1986, by a Latin male driving a blue Lincoln Towncar. The individual asked [redacted] why the police were interested in his two (2) friends back at the HILTON HOTEL, then stating that they were probably interested in the friend who had entered the country illegally from Mexico (referring to [redacted] also known as [aka] [redacted] identified this individual as [redacted] who had been registered in Room 270 at the hotel. Employees of the hotel at this time stated that [redacted] had been sitting in a blue Lincoln Continental in the parking lot earlier that evening and that VELEZ had been with him for an undetermined amount of time. A Baton Rouge Police Investigator, who arrived with Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, then advised that a blue Lincoln had been seen near the shooting by a witness there, and that he had observed two (2) Latin males getting into a vehicle of that description.

FBI Special Agent (SA) [redacted] then departed to further debrief [redacted] as to his conversation with [redacted] SA [redacted] interviewed Chief Clerk [redacted] with regard

to a description of [redacted] advised that [redacted] came to the hotel with another male Latin. He walked into the hotel without a prior reservation and wanted the nicest room available using a credit card as his mode of payment. [redacted] assigned [redacted] to a suite. [redacted] described [redacted] as Latin male, approximately 5'6" in height, 150 pounds, having a pot-belly, short arms, short, curly black hair, accented speech, and a rough complexion. [redacted] wore a jagged, rough, gold watch and gold rings on both of his hands. The jewelry was gaudy and expensive in [redacted] estimation.

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Shortly thereafter, hotel records for [redacted] who registered in Room 270, and VELEZ, who registered in Room 269, were obtained. The records showed that [redacted] had originally checked into the hotel on February 12, 1986, and had checked out at 7:32 P.M., on February 19, 1986. [redacted] had checked out of Room 268 on February 19, 1986, at 7:32 P.M. VELEZ had checked into the HILTON HOTEL, Room 312, on February 16, 1986, and had checked out at 1:50 P.M., on February 17, 1986, only to register again for one (1) night on February 19, 1986, at approximately 9:00 P.M. Investigation at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, had determined that the vehicle used in the murder of ADLER BERRIMAN SEAL had been purchased in New Orleans on February 16, 1986, the same day that VELEZ checked into the HILTON HOTEL on Airline Highway.

Sometime after 3:00 A.M., FBI, Miami, advised that [redacted] later identified as [redacted] had been arrested upon his arrival in Miami, Florida, as an Illegal Colombian Alien. [redacted] stated that he had flown from New Orleans, Louisiana, and that he had stayed in Room 268 at the HILTON HOTEL in New Orleans. Sometime in the next 24 to 48 hours, Miami agents advised SA [redacted] New Orleans Division, that [redacted] told them that he had spoken to a car dealer named, [redacted] at a Toyota Dealership while he had been in New Orleans, Louisiana. Investigation in New Orleans determined that [redacted] is the first name of the car dealer at TOYOTA OF JEFFERSON where the gray Buick used in the slaying of ADLER BERRIMAN SEAL had been purchased for $6,500.00 in cash. The buyer also gave the salesman a $100.00 tip and told him to make sure that the vehicle was extremely clean and gave the employee who cleaned the vehicle an extra $20.00.

Shortly thereafter, at approximately 3:30 A.M., SA [redacted] was advised by SERVICE CAB Representative [redacted] that Cab Driver [redacted] had telephoned him to report that he had struck a deer near Meridian, Mississippi, and that his fare, MIGUEL VELEZ, had been arrested. Contact with the local

police in Meridian, Mississippi, determined that VELEZ had $3,000.00 in twenty dollar bills on his person and the keys to a new red Cadillac rented from AVIS RENT-A-CAR in his possession. Information from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, had earlier determined that the perpetrators of SEAL'S murder abandoned the gray, BUICK about a block from the crime scene and had gotten into a late model, red vehicle. (Baton Rouge investigators also stated that a witness observed two (2) Latin males enter a blue Lincoln Continental shortly after the murder as well. The information about the blue Lincoln Continental, however, had not been further investigated by Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Police at that point, but the red Cadillac was later determined to have been rented by [redacted]

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ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT
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FROM: SAC, Jackson

SUBJECT

MIGUEL VELEZ; ET AL;
ADLER BARRY SEALE -
VICTIM
OOJ - MURDER; OCDE TF
OO: New Orleans

[X] X if a joint operation with DEA (identity of other agency)

[ ] X if case involves corruption of a public official (Federal State or Local)

Investigative Assistance or Technique Used

Were any of the investigative assistance or techniques listed below used in connection with accomplishment being claimed? [X] No [ ] Yes If Yes rate each used as follows
1 = Used but did not help 3 = Helped substantially
2 = Helped but only minimally 4 = Absolutely essential

	Rating		Rating		Rating		Rating
1 Acctg Tech Assistance		8 Eng Sect Tape Exams		15 Photographic Coverage		22 Telephone Toll Recs	
2 Aircraft Assistance		9 Hypnosis Assistance		16 Polygraph Assistance		23 UCO Group I	
3 Computer Assistance		10 Ident Div Assistance		17 Search Warrants Executed		24 UCO Group II	
4 Consensual Monitoring		11 Informant Information		18 Show Money Usage		25 UC Other	
5 ELSUR FISC		12 Lab Div Exams		19 Surveil Sqd (SOG) Asst		26 NCAVC/ VI CAP	
6 ELSUR Title III		13 Lab Div Field Support		20 SWAT Team Action		27 Visual Invest Analysis (VIA)	
7 Eng Sect Field Support		14 Pen Registers		21 Tech Agt or Tech Equip			

A. Preliminary Judicial Process (Number of subjects)

Complaints	Informations	Indictments

B. Arrests, Locates, Summonses or Subpoenas Served (No. of Subj.)

	Subject Priority* A	B	C
FBI Arrests	1		
FBI Locates			
Local Arrests			

Subpoenas Served ______
Criminal Summons ______
Local Crim Summons ______

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D Recoveries, Restitutions, or Potential Economic Loss Prevented (PELP) (Explain valuation in remarks)

Property Type Code*	Recoveries	Restitutions	PELP Type Code*	Potential Economic Loss Prevented
	$	$		$
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	$	$		$

C Release of Hostages or Children Located: (Number of Hostages or Children Located)

Hostages Held By Terrorists ______ All Other Hostage Situations ______

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E Civil Matters

	Government Defendant	Government Plaintiff
Amount of Suit	$	$
Settlement or Award	$	$

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F Final Judicial Process. Judicial District ______ District ______ State ______ Conviction or Pretrial Div Date ______ Sentence Date ______ No of Subjects ______ Acquitted ______ Dismissed ______

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Subject 3 Subject Description Code* —

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Subject 4 Subject Description Code* —

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Add consecutive sentences together
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Do not add concurrent sentences together
Sentence 10 yrs 8 yrs susp = 2 yrs in Jail

Attach additional forms if reporting final judicial process on more than four subjects, and submit a final disposition for (R-84) for each subject.

Remarks (For every subject reported in Sections A B or F above provide name DOB race* sex and POB and SSAN if available)

MIGUEL VELEZ, white male, DOB 7/7/49, POB Puerto Rico, SSAN 071-80-2491, was arrested on a federal warrant issued by USDJ JOHN V. PARKER charging VELEZ with violating 18 USC 371, 1513, and 2, Retaliation Against a Witness, Victim, or an Informant, Conspiracy and Principals.

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On February 19, 1986, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), New Orleans, Louisiana, received information from Supervisor [redacted] at approximately 7:30 P.M. that ADLER BERRIMAN SEAL had been murdered in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by two (2) Latin males using machine guns sometime between 6:00 and 6:30 P.M. From eyewitness accounts, the first male was described as being 6'0" in height, having short, curly hair, and wearing a light, two (2) piece suit. The second male was described as being 5'6" in height, 140 pounds, having short, straight, black hair, and wearing a two (2) piece brown suit with an orange shirt. Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana, met at the MOISANT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT at approximately 7:45 P.M. in the event that the above-decribed individuals would attempt to leave the area by airplane that evening.

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At approximately 8:45 P.M., an individual fitting the description of one of the subjects was observed at the EASTERN AIRLINES ticket counter. The subject was approximately 6' in height, had short, curly hair, and was wearing aqua colored trousers, cotton or denim like, with a similarly light colored shirt worn open at the chest. The subject also wore a gold chain around his neck with a cross attached, and a camera strapped around his neck and worn in the front. In addition, the subject wore white or off-white tie shoes. The subject also had a thin mustache. His pants were baggy and he carried a maroon/brown suit-type bag. The subject weighed approximately 175-185 pounds.

SA [redacted] overheard the subject ask the Ticket Agent for the first flight to Miami and was told that all flights to Miami had previously departed. He then asked for a flight to Orlando, Florida, and was told that all flights to Florida had departed. At this point, Sergeant (Sgt.) [redacted] Kenner Police Department, Airport Unit, and the above-named agents identified themselves to the individual and he voluntarily began answering questions in the middle of the concourse in front of the EASTERN AIRLINES ticket counter. The subject voluntarily provided a driver's license and a passport as MIGUEL VELEZ,

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1500 Northwest 52nd Street, North Miami, Florida. VELEZ stated that he was born in Puerto Rico on June 7, 1949, and that he was in New Orleans vacationing. Airline tickets he displayed showed that VELEZ arrived in New Orleans on February 16, 1986, and was scheduled to depart on February 28, 1986. VELEZ appeared to be anxious at the time of this questioning as noted by the hesitation in his speech and by perspiration emanating from both sides of his forehead. VELEZ advised that he did not know anyone in New Orleans but had stayed at the HILTON HOTEL near the airport during his time here. VELEZ stated that he had just come from the French Quarter where he met an individual
b7C known to him as [redacted] but was unable to provide [redacted] address, present location, or telephone number. VELEZ stated that he wanted to return back to Miami, Florida, where he has a wife named [redacted] at the above address. However, VELEZ stated that his telephone number was [redacted] later advising that was, in fact, a beeper number and that there was no telephone at his above address. The passport in VELEZ'S name originated from Puerto Rico and showed that VELEZ had been in Colombia, South America.

VELEZ gave Police Sergeant [redacted] verbal permission to inspect his luggage and upon completion, became slightly more agitated. At approximately 9:00 P.M., VELEZ asked Sgt. [redacted] where he could obtain a taxicab in order to return back to a hotel and then proceeded toward the downstairs taxicab area.

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More security asked in Seal case

By GIBBS ADAMS
Advocate staff writer

District Court officials have asked the mayor's office for authority to install bullet-proof barriers in a courtroom in which suspects in the slaying of Adler "Barry" Seal are scheduled to appear for arraignment, an administrator said Wednesday.

The Seal case is assigned to District Judge Frank Saia, but the larger courtroom of District Judge Mike Ponder is to be made secure for court appearances of two men arrested on murder warrants, top mayoral aide Walter Monsour said.

Monsour said the barriers are made of plexiglass and will be installed from the railing to the ceiling in the courtroom. The barriers will be used only in connection with the Seal case, he said.

District Attorney Bryan Bush issued arrest warrants last week charging Miguel Velez and Bernardo Antonio Vasquez with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder

Bush has said he will seek indictments against the men responsible for the murder of Seal, a drug smuggler turned star federal witness in large-scale drug trafficking cases.

Vasquez also faces federal obstruction of justice charges in connection with the murder, while similar charges against Velez have been dropped by federal prosecutors.

Al Winters, of the Organized Crime Strike Force, has said prosecutors did not want to reveal evidence against Velez at a hearing scheduled on those charges.

Authorities have said both men fit the description of gunmen who shot Seal in the parking lot of the Salvation Army Community Treatment Center Feb 19.

Seal was serving a six-month term at the center as part of a plea agreement on federal drug and bank fraud charges and was expected to be a key witness against suspected members of a powerful Colombian cocaine-smuggling cartel.

Monsour said the bulletproofing of the area behind the courtroom rail can be removed and stored when it is not needed.

If needed in future trials, the plexiglass shield would be erected in Ponder's courtroom, and any judge assigned to hear the case would sit in Ponder's courtroom — one of the two large courtrooms on the sixth floor of the Governmental Building.

Monsour said Clifton Berry, judicial administrator of the 19th Judicial District Court, had obtained three estimates by phone, and the project will cost between $22,000 and $25,000.

In another development, suspect Jose Renteria-Campo has been moved from Miami into the custody of Baton Rouge authorities, according to records at the Downtown Jail.

Renteria-Campo was arrested by federal authorities in Miami after boarding a plane in New Orleans the night of Seal's murder. He is under an arrest warrant as a material witness in a federal investigation of Seal's death

Renteria-Campo is being held in the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison, along with Velez and Vasquez.

Thus far, no indictment has been returned against the three men held in Parish Prison.

Three other suspects in Seal's murder are being held in New Orleans on immigration charges alleging they entered the United States illegally.

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Link between Seal murder, slayings in Colombia investigated

By JOHN SEMIEN
Advocate staff writer

Federal authorities are investigating a possible link between the Feb 19 machine-gun slaying of drug informant Adler "Barry" Seal and the murder of three other government witnesses killed in Colombia the same day, U S Attorney Stanford O Bardwell Jr said Monday

An arrest warrant issued by the District Attorney's Office charging two suspects in Seal's murder with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder identifies the dead men as Pablo Carrera, Pablo Achilla and a man only identified as the brother-in-law of reputed Colombian drug trafficker Jorge Ochoa

Miguel Velez, 36, and Bernardo Antonio Vasquez, 32, are charged in the warrant and are in custody in the Parish Prison

The warrant calls the murdered men 'key government witnesses" in a Miami drug case involving Ochoa and Pablo Escobar Gaviria, who federal prosecutors say are leaders of the largest and most powerful cocaine smuggling cartel in the world

Bardwell said his office is working with the U S Attorney's Office in Miami in gathering information on the murders in Colombia and their possible link to Seal's slaying

"We suspect that," Bardwell said "I know federal agents for the FBI and DEA are working with their agents in Colombia We're sort of working on it through the Miami U S Attorney s Office as well "

Bardwell said prosecutors and agents are also gathering evidence linking Seal's murder to Ochoa and others that Seal's testimony helped to indict but who had not come to trial at the time he was killed

"That's of great interest to us because it would facilitate the utilizaiton of Seal's prior testimony," he said "Certainly Seal was to have been a witness in that case "

Seal was shot to death with a 45-caliber Mac 10 machine gun weilded by one of two men who approached Seal while he sat in his Cadillac in the parking lot of the Salvation Army Community Treatment Center Feb 19

Federal documents filed in the case cite the Escobar case as the reason a $500,000 contract that was placed on Seal's life

While attorneys for Seal have said federal officials failed to protect their star witness, federal prosecutors say Seal refused assistance that included the federal Witness Protection Program

"He's dead, but his testimony in those other trials, covering some of the same factual information, could be used," Bardwell said

Escobar is a fugitive in South America from a Miami indictment from that case

Ochoa is fighting extradition to the United States on a similar indictment from a prison in Spain

The two men are leaders of the Medellin Cartel, said to control about percent of Colombia's multibillion dollar cocaine trade

They are accused of conspiring to traffick cocaine into the United States using clandestine laboratories in Nicaragua and with the help of Sandinistan government officials

Bardwell said Assistant U S Attorney Bob Dunlap of Miami is expected to come to Baton Rouge this week to provide more information about the cartel

"Dunlap knows the side of the story we don't," Bardwell said "He knows the Ochoa organization better than we do"

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Judge dismisses federal charges

State charges Velez and Vasquez

By JOHN SEMIEN
Advocate staff writer

U S District Judge John V Parker dismissed a federal complaint against a suspect in the Feb 19 machine-gun slaying of drug informant Adler "Barry" Seal at the request of federal prosecutors who said Thursday they want more time to develop their case

Charges of conspiracy and retaliating against a federal witness were dropped against Miguel Velez, 36, a day after a warrant was issued in state court for his arrest, along with Bernardo Antonio Vasquez, on charges of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder

The complaint linked Seal's murder to his testimony in Florida last year against reputed Colombian cocaine trafficker Pablo Escobar Gaviria.

The warrant filed Thursday cites three other key witnesses against Escobar as being murdered the same day Seal was gunned down.

Al Winters, of the U S. Justice Department's Organized Crime Strike Force, said authorities hoped to avoid a preliminary hearing on charges against Velez that was scheduled Thursday by moving that the charges be dropped

"At a preliminary hearing, you have to put on your case," Winters said "We were not willing to do that By dismissing without prejudice, we can indict him at another time, after we get the investigation together

"This has been done in conjunction with (District Attorney Bryan) Bush's office," he said "It's not an unusual tactic "

Bush was reported out of the office

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Velez's attorney Jack Dampf said the dismissed complaint "doesn't mean a whole lot" to Velez because of the seriousness of the state charges

"I filed for a preliminary hearing and it appeared the government was probably not ready to proceed," Dampf said about the federal complaint

Since the district attorney's office is working with federal prosecutors in the case, Dampf said he wanted to determine which office would take the lead in prosecuting Velez

"Now it's more apparent that the state is," he said

Dampf, who was assigned as a public defender to the Velez case by Parker said he has been retained to represent Velez, along with Miami attorney Richard Sharpstein

The attorneys plan to ask for a preliminary hearing and a bond hearing in the state court case, Dampf said

The warrant said Pablo Ochilla, Pablo Carrera and a man only identified as the brother-in-law of Jorge Ochoa were murdered in Colombia Feb 19

The warrant describes the federal case against Escobar as involving the Medellin cocaine cartel, which is controlled by Ochoa

"Defendant Jorge Ochoa, now pending extradition from Spain to the United States, was arrested and is being extradited due to an affidavit signed by

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Seal in 1984," the warrant states

Seal was shot to death with a 45 caliber Mac-10 machine gun after he was approached by two men in the parking lot of the Salvation Army Community Treatment Center Feb 19

The men walked up and opened fire on Seal while he sat in his Cadillac

Winter said Vasquez remains in custody in New Orleans on federal charges of conspiracy, tampering with a federal witness and being in possession of a weapon with an obliterated serial number

Vasquez asked to be transferred to Baton Rouge in a court appearance in New Orleans earlier this week to face those charges

FBI agents have secured permission to take hair, blood and saliva samples from Velez and to place him in a lineup for identification purposes on a search warrant filed in court last week

Fingerprints from Velez and Vasquez were matched to prints lifted from a grey Buick that officials said was used by the two men to flee the Salvation Army parking lot

The warrant also includes other details about the shooting

Witnesses to the shooting observed the two gunmen walk up to three drop bins at the Salvation Army and discard two items of clothing before Seal drove up and one of the men opened fire, according to the warrant

"The two fled in a late-model grey Buick, fleeing at a high rate of speed," the warrant said "One witness was required to jump out of the vehicle's path in order to avoid being run down."

The warrant said an autopsy of Seal showed three rounds entered Seal's upper body and four wounds on the left side of Seal's head

It said 15 rounds were recovered from the murder scene Another round apparently traveled through the roof of Seal's car and three other rounds penetrated a portable sign in front of the halfway house, the warrant said

Velez was transferred to Baton Rouge last week after a hearing before a federal magistrate in Jackson, Miss

At the hearing, an FBI agent testified that Velez is believed to be one of the two gunmen in the Seal killing, but admitted that authorities have not matched fingerprints from a 45-caliber machine pistol or the Uzi 9mm parabellum pistol left at the murder scene to Velez's prints

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Local officials alerted to possible escape tries

By KEITH LAWRENCE
Advocate staff writer

If it is true that the six men held in connection with Adler "Barry" Seal's death are associated with Jorge Luis Ochoa's drug cartel, then authorities should be alert for possible escape attempts, said an agent with the U S Drug Enforcement Agency

Billy Yout, a special agent with DEA in Miami, said in a telephone interview that the Ochoa cartel, considered the largest in cocaine-rich Colombia, has a well-deserved reputation for daring and violence

Yout offered as proof an elaborate and dangerous plot that Ochoa's men were planning to use to free three of Ochoa's henchmen from a federal prison near Miami in October 1985

The plot called for landing a helicopter inside the prison yard, killing guards with machine guns and hand grenades, and whisking away the three prisoners to a waiting plane, Yout said

But DEA agents found out about the plan and foiled it by moving the three prisoners to a secret location If preventive measures had not been taken, "it seemingly would have been a success," Yout said

Yout outlined the escape plot as follows

In late October 1985, a DEA agent learned from two informants that members of the Ochoa cartel were offering $300,000 to any pilot who would fly a Hughes 500 Ranger turbo-jet helicopter for them The helicopter would be used to lift three prisoners out of the federal

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Metropolitan Correctional Center, located on the edge of the swampy Everglades

Agents began round-the-clock surveillance of a four-seat, black-and gray helicopter kept at Tamiami Airport in southwest Miami The helicopter, agents learned, cost $500,000 and was paid for with $10 and $20 bills It is capable of flying 160 mph

DEA and the U S Marshals Service learned that about 12 people were working on the escape plan Their preparations included practicing quick landings and takeoffs, Yout said

The agents informed prison officials of the plot, and they moved the three prisoners from minimum to medium security

Yout said that the three men were members of a drug-smuggling cartel run by Ochoa and Pablo Escobar Gaviria The cartel is commonly known as the "Medellin Cartel," so named because it is believed to be based in Medellin, Colombia, in the northwest section of that South American country The Medellin Cartel is considered the world's largest

In August 1985, Ochoa's three henchmen had pleaded guilty to conspiracy to import cocaine from Colombia through Nicaragua to the United States They were scheduled to

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be sentenced on Nov 1

As the sentencing date grew near, the escape plan came into focus, Yout said

After escaping with the prisoners, the helicopter would fly close to the ground to a nearby farmhouse, about five minutes away The helicopter would then be blown up to give the appearance that there had been an accident, Yout said

Meanwhile, the men would be driven to a small airstrip in the nearby Everglades and flown to the Bahamas From there, they would be put aboard a Lear jet bound for Colombia

"It shows the arrogance and power of these people," Yout told The Miami Herald in November "The motivation was probably ego — to show up the United States "

The agents did not know the day of the escape attempt, so to be safe they took Ochoa's men away from the prison in chains and hid them in a secret location until their sentencing The agents also impounded the helicopter

Without incident, two of the men were sentenced to 40 years, and the third received a 20-year prison term

Albert J. Krieger, a defense lawyer for one of the three men, ridiculed the notion that an escape was being planned

Krieger told The Miami Herald

"When you look at it a little bit and start to think of a helicopter putting down in MCC and people running to it and clinging on, it kind of stretches the imagination It might have been great in that Bronson movie, but I don't think it would work anywhere else "

But Yout is certain that the plot was a real one, and he said a similar plan was in the works to free Ochoa from a prison in Spain, where he is being held awaiting extradition to the United States Officials still are trying to bring Ochoa to Miami to stand trial on drug charges

"I think they're capable of anything," Yout said of the Ochoa cartel "You couple this escape plan with what happened to Barry Seal and the rumor that they were going to try to break Ochoa out of jail, and you really can see the type of organization, the aggressiveness of the organization, for lack of a better word, that you're dealing with "

Baton Rouge FBI spokesman Ed Grimsley said federal charges against two suspects in the Seal case are based on the belief that Seal's assassins were sent by the Escobar-Ochoa cartel

"The theory is if these people came here to hit Seal to keep him from testifying in that (Ochoa) case there would be obstruction of justice," Grimsley said "That's the case Seal was known to be a potential witness "

Seal had testified that the Ochoa cartel conspired with the Nicaraguan government to transport cocaine into the United States Seal's testimony helped indict Ochoa and 12 other men

As a precaution, Yout said he has alerted authorities in Louisiana about the escape plan in Florida

"They've been made aware of the problems we've had here, and I'm sure they are taking the necessary precautions," Yout said

Louisiana authorities refuse to say what security measures they are taking other than that they consider the six suspects in the Seal case to be high risks

But it is clear that officials are taking extreme precautions For instance, when Miguel Velez, one of two men suspected of shooting Seal, recently made his first court appearance in Baton Rouge, armed city police and FBI agents stood guard at side entrances and on the roofs of the courthouse and the post office across the street

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Witness to slaying anxious to leave BR

By JOHN SEMIEN
Advocate staff writer

Jerry Wayne Evans was still shaking when released from the Downtown Jail Monday after more than two weeks in custody as a material witness in the machine-gun slaying of federal witness Adler "Barry" Seal

Evans was carrying an old duffle bag with "everything I have in the world" and taking care that television cameras didn't photograph his face

After trading the obscurity of being a drifter for danger and notoriety as an eyewitness to murder, Evans said he wished he had kept moving

"I didn't think I'd be seeing anything out of 'Miami Vice,'" Evans said about stopping in Baton Rouge

"I was shook up for days afterward," he said later at the office of attorney Michael S Baer III. " I get scared just thinking about it. I was scared I was

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going to get hurt "

Seal, a drug smuggler turned star witness in federal drug trafficking cases, was gunned down by two men as he parked his Cadillac at the Salvation Army Community Treatment Center Feb 19

Federal and state prosecutors have six suspects in custody for the murder, which they say was caused by Seal's testimony against members of a powerful Colombian drug trafficking cartel

Evans, 31, said he was returning from a restaurant near the center when he stepped into the parking lot and the shooting occurred

"I heard something that sounded like fireworks going off," Evans said "I seen these guys and a gun barrel

"I seen them jump in the car and somebody said, 'That guy just killed somebody Get the license number,'" he said "I tried but I couldn't get it '

Evans said he was nearly struck by the getaway car before hiding in his room in the center after the shooting

He didn't want to get involved in a murder investigation, but Evans said talking to friends convinced him to talk to police about what he saw

"They told me it was the right thing to do," Evans said

Police then took Evans and two other witnesses to the city police detective office for questioning, he said

They were later taken to New Orleans to identify a suspect officials had in custody there, he said

"We said we'd go if they kept our names out of the newspaper," Evans said "They took us to the Hilton Hotel and told us to look down a hall and tell them what we saw "

Evans said he was returned to the Salvation Army, where he had lived and worked for the previous two weeks

But three days later Evans said he phoned police to tell them he had to travel out of state to pick up a federal subsidy check

"I called and told them I had to go somewhere to get my welfare check," Evans said "They said they had a place for me to stay, so they locked me up "

Evans said he was placed in solitary confinement at the Downtown Jail where there were no windows or privileges

"They said I could get all the cigarettes and coffee I wanted, but they wouldn't give me any," he said

He then called Camille Gravel, who Evans describes as a personal friend, and was transferred to the Parish Prison with the help of Baer

Baer said he looked into the case at Gravel's request, contacting U S Attorney Stanford O Bardwell Jr, Assistant District Attorney Prem Burns

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and officials with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and the Baton Rouge City Police Department about the case

"The police were very upset," Baer said "They thought they had a street person nobody gave a damn about who they could lock up for the next year and no one would mind They even asked me where Evans got the money to hire me

"They threw him in solitary confinement at the City Jail and to add insult to injury, they booked him under his real name," Baer said "A private investigator for the defense asked to see him out at the Parish Prison and they almost let him because Jerry didn't have any restriction on visitors there "

Baer filed a motion Monday in District Court asking that officials take a deposition of Evans' testimony in the case

"Jerry wanted to cooperate with police but he didn't want to be treated like a criminal in the process," Baer said

Bardwell said he took steps to secure better living conditions for Evans when he learned of the arrest and solitary confinement

'I think it was unfortunate that he was placed in the restrictive conditions he found himself in," Bardwell said Monday "Once we learned about it, we requested the Sheriff's Office to place him in a more comfortable setting We did that immediately when we heard about it

"He wasn't accused of any crime," Bardwell said "We responded as soon as we were advised of the situation Why they (sheriff's deputies) didn't think of it themselves, I can't answer that "

Bardwell said his office was not contacted on Evans' release Monday but that he would look into the situation Tuesday

"We've been working and interviewing with him for the past two weeks," he said "I'm frankly surprised he's been released "

Evans was a potential witness for federal prosecutors, but "today, that is a subject of re-evaluation," he said

"The fact that he was released probably means he is of no further use as a witness," Bardwell said.

District Attorney Bryan Bush would not comment on Evans or his role as a possible witness for state prosecutors handling the Seal murder case

Arrest warrants have already been issued for Miguel Velez and Bernardo Antonio Vasquez, charging the two men with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder

Federal charges of conspiracy and obstruction of justice have been dropped against Velez but are still pending against Vasquez

Four Colombian nationals accused of illegally entering the United States are being held in New Orleans and Miami on immigration and material witness warrants

Evans said he only met Seal the day before Seal was killed

"The day before he got killed, he gave me money for a cup of coffee," Evans said "I thought he was with security. He always carried that telephone "

Evans said he slept in a sleeping bag and sold plasma the first two weeks in Baton Rouge as he has while drifting all over the United States

Now he just wants to visit his family, stay alive and forget

"I'd like to visit my mother for awhile and relax," he said "I'd like to get this thing out of my mind and then just go from there "

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From SA [redacted] b7C

Subject MIGUEL VELEZ;
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Information has been developed that the Triche Airstrip located in Hahnville, Louisiana, was possibly used to drop off one, if not all of the suspects in this matter.

It is requested that a fly over be made of this airstrip to confirm its existence, and to provide accurate directions so that the owners of the airstrip might be interviewed.

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STATE NEWS

Minor charges dropped in Seal's killing

Saturday March 8 1986 The Times-Picayune/The States-Item A-27

By United Press International

BATON ROUGE — Federal prosecutors, in a move aimed at keeping evidence from defense attorneys, have dropped charges against a Colombian accused in the gangland slaying of drug informant Adler Berriman Seal

Charges of conspiracy and retaliating against a federal witness were dropped this week against Miguel Velez, 36, after he was charged in state court with first-degree murder

By dropping the federal charges, prosecutors avoided a preliminary hearing scheduled for Thursday that would have required them to reveal to defense attorneys some of their evidence against Velez

"At a preliminary hearing, you have to put on your case," said Al Winters of the Justice Department's Organized Crime Strike Force "We were not willing to do that By dismissing without prejudice, we can indict him at another time"

In another development in the case, drug enforcement agents in Miami said attempts to break the suspects out of jail could be possible if the men being held in Seal's death are associated with Colombian drug lord Jorge Ochoa

Seal, a convicted smuggler-turned-informant, was expected to be a key witness in a major cocaine smuggling case against Ochoa in Miami

Billy Yout, an agent with the Drug Enforcement Agency in Miami, said the Ochoa drug cartel, considered the largest cocaine ring in the world, has a well-deserved reputation for daring and violence

He said federal agents uncovered a plan last October to free three Ochoa henchmen from a federal prison in Florida by landing helicopters in the prison yard and wiping out guards with machine guns and hand grenades

When the DEA learned of the plot, the three were moved to a secret location.

So far, six Latin Americans have been arrested in connection with Seal's killing two weeks ago

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TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] CALLED ONE TIME ON FEB. 19TH FOR THREE MINUTES. TIME OF CALL WAS 11:19 AM.

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Seal suspect pleads guilty to illegal entry

By DON LEWIS
Advocate state writer

NEW ORLEANS — Another suspect in the Baton Rouge slaying of drug informant Adler "Barry" Seal pleaded guilty in federal court Thursday to illegal entry into the United States, and the U S magistrate hearing the case said from the bench that the man may soon face more serious charges

John Jairo Cardona-Garcia, a Colombian national, entered his plea before U S Magistrate Ronald A Fonseca

On Wednesday, two other suspects in the Seal case pleaded guilty to illegal entry They are Luis Carlos Quintero-Cruz and Heriberto Sanchez-Cardenas, both Colombians

Before the legal proceedings Thursday afternoon, Assistant U S Attorney Constantine D Georges acknowledged that there is "a possibility" the three men may be charged with other crimes Georges did not elaborate

Cardona-Garcia, Quintero-Cruz and Sanchez-Cardenas were among six men arrested by federal agents after Seal was gunned down Feb 19 in the parking lot at the Salvation Army Community Treatment Center on Airline Highway in Baton Rouge

The three have not been charged in Seal's killing

Before Cardona-Garcia entered his guilty plea to illegal entry, Fonseca asked where he crossed into the United States

On the advice of his attorney, Virginia L Schlueter, the defendant refused to answer the question because of other possible charges that may be lodged against him

During the questioning, Fonseca also mentioned the possibility of the other charges being filed against Cardona-Garcia

Georges told Fonseca that Cardona-Garcia entered the U S from Mexico The 22-year-old Colombian was arrested Feb 21 in Marrero

The maximum sentence for illegal entry into the U S is six months in prison and a $500 fine Sentencing of Cardona-Garcia will take place at 3 p m April 16 after a presentencing report

The three are being held without bond in the Community Correctional Center

At the time Seal was shot to death, he was serving a six-month sentence at the Salvation Army Community Treatment Center on Airline Highway in Baton Rouge

According to an affidavit, Seal was killed because he was a potential witness in the drug-trafficking case of the United States vs. Pablo Escobar Gaviria

The three other men arrested in the Seal investigation are Bernardo Vasquez and Miguel Velez, both Colombians, and Jose Renteria, who says he is a Puerto Rican

Vasquez and Velez have been charged by Baton Rouge authorities with murder in Seal's slaying Renteria has not been charged

Federal authorities have said a contract may have been placed on Seal's life because he was expected to testify against members of a cocaine cartel operated by Jorge Luis Ochoa Vasquez Officials said five of the six men arrested in the Seal investigation come from Medellin, Colombia, Ochoa's home

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On 3/17/86, [redacted] Supervisor for the RADIO SHACK WAREHOUSE, Ft. Worth, Texas, [redacted] [redacted] telephonically advised the writer that there is no way to determine where in the United States the 40 channel CB radio, model number TRC-216, serial number 518511, was shipped to after it was manufactured.

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Colombian confesses illegal entry

By **SUSAN FINCH**
Staff writer

A third man under investigation in the Feb 19 shooting death of drug informant Adler Berriman Seal pleaded guilty Thursday in New Orleans federal court to entering this country illegally

John Cardona-Garcia, a 22-year-old Colombian, was found at 5825 Glasco Drive in Marrero on Feb 21, two days after Seal was gunned down in Baton Rouge, according to federal prosecutors

On Wednesday, two other Colombian men under investigation in the Seal case — Louis Carlos Quintero-Cruz, 33, and Hiliberto Sanchez-Cardenas, 27 — pleaded guilty to the same immigration charge

The three, all being held without bond at the Community Correctional Center, have not been charged in Seal's death.

Three other men have been arrested in the Seal investigation

Two of the three — Colombians Bernardo Vasquez and Miguel Velez — have been charged by Baton Rouge police with murder in Seal's slaying, and by federal officials with obstruction of justice

The third man, Jose Renteria, has not been charged He says he is from Puerto Rico

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Seal case pair admit minor charges

By SUSAN FINCH
Staff writer

Federal court

Two Colombians under investigation in the killing last month in Baton Rouge of drug informant Adler Berriman Seal pleaded guilty in New Orleans federal court Wednesday to charges that they entered the United States illegally.

The pair — Louis Carlos Quintero-Cruz, 33, and Hiliberto Sanchez-Cardenas, 27 — were among six men arrested by federal agents after Seal was gunned down Feb. 19 in the parking lot of a Salvation Army halfway house. The two have not been charged in Seal's killing.

Prosecutors said Sanchez-Cardenas was found by an Immigration and Naturalization Service agent at the New Orleans Airport Hilton Hotel in Kenner the day of Seal's killing. They said Quintero-Cruz was found two days later at 5825 Glasco Drive in Marrero.

The two, who are being held without bond in the Community Correctional Center, face a maximum possible sentence on the immigration conviction of six months in prison and a $500 fine.

A third man arrested in the Seal slaying investigation, John Cardona-Garcia, 22, of Colombia, has also been charged with entering this country illegally. His case is set for a hearing Thursday. He has not been charged in the Seal case either.

The three other men arrested in the Seal investigation are Bernardo Vasquez and Miguel Velez, both from Colombia, and Jose Renteria, who says he is from Puerto Rico. Vasquez and Velez have been charged by Baton Rouge police with murder in Seal's slaying, and by federal officials with obstruction of justice. Renteria has not been charged.

Most of the suspects are from Medellin, Colombia, the home of Jorge Ochoa, a cocaine lord whom drug enforcement agents believe put out a contract on Seal's life.

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RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO FBIHQ, DATED MARCH 3, 1986, AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED MARCH 7, 1986.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF NEW ORLEANS, U.S. MARSHALS HAVE ADVISED THAT [redacted] OWNER OF BROADWAY BOUTIQUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA, IS BEING TRANSPORTED TO NEW ORLEANS AND [redacted] IS STILL AT METROPOLITAN CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN MIAMI. [redacted]

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[redacted] AND CO-DEFENDANT IN CASE OF VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, U.S.C. 657 AND 2, IS STILL AT LARGE AND MAY BE IN THE [redacted] FLORIDA, AREA. b7C

CONTACT WITH [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY) AT [redacted] CONTINUED ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO CONTACT [redacted] MAY POSSIBLY BE IN COLOMBIA. b7C b7D

AUSA ROBERT DUNLAP HAS ADVISED THAT A MATERIAL WITNESS WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR [redacted] AND HIS TRANSPORTATION TO NEW ORLEANS BY U.S. MARSHAL SERVICE IS FORTHCOMING. b7C

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On 3/10/86, writer was telephonically contacted by [redacted] advised that he had received an anonymous telephone call on 3/9/86 informing him that an individual named [redacted] who works at RICK's CAFE on College drive, Baton Rouge had witnessed the shooting incident involving BARRY SEAL on 2/19/86.

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It was determined that RICK's CAFE is located at 2363 College Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

On 3/11/86, the writer was informed by SSRA [redacted] that this individual had previously been identified as [redacted] had already been interviewed concerning the incident.

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On 3/5/86, [redacted] Baton Rouge, Louisiana, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that the LSP have recently arrested [redacted] for the distribution of [redacted] of cocaine. [redacted] are presently awaiting trial on this charge. [redacted] told [redacted] that the cocaine was obtained by [redacted] from [redacted] is a drug dealer who resides on [redacted] Louisiana. [redacted] changed his name and [redacted] does not know [redacted] true identity.

When [redacted] first came to Louisiana, he resided in [redacted] has been involved in drug trafficking since he has been in Louisiana, and presently has an outstanding warrant against him out of [redacted] is accused of shooting up the house of [redacted] in [redacted] allegedly stole [redacted] of cocaine from [redacted] shot up [redacted] with an automatic weapon in retaliation.

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[redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] owes [redacted] for a cocaine deal and [redacted] threatened [redacted] that the same thing will happen to him that happened to BARRY SEAL if [redacted] is not paid.

[redacted] also told [redacted] that [redacted] spent [redacted] in order to finance the individuals who murdered SEAL. [redacted] had a MAC 10 with a silencer and was saving

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it for use by those individuals for the murder of SEAL. [redacted] allegedly left [redacted] for Miami after SEAL's murder, because [redacted] was afraid that one of the captured "hitmen" might talk.

[redacted] drove to [redacted] after SEAL's murder and observed several notes tacked to [redacted] front door and [redacted] two cars were present. [redacted] was of the opinion that [redacted] had left his residence as related by [redacted]

[redacted] drove by [redacted] residence within the last week and noticed that the notes on [redacted] door had been removed and his vehicles moved, indicating that [redacted] may have returned from Miami.

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[redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] deals cocaine in kilo amounts and obtains his supply from Cuban drug dealers in Miami. [redacted] always has a 9mm pistol, an M-16 rifle, and a .45 caliber pistol with him. [redacted] described [redacted] vehicle as a four door, white over red Oldsmobile, and a 1979 blue Cadillac. [redacted] said that [redacted] house is [redacted] going east on [redacted]

[redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] is protected by a [redacted] and even though the St. John's Parish Sheriff's Office is aware of the outstanding [redacted] warrant for [redacted] they have not arrested [redacted] told [redacted] of an incident a couple of years ago when [redacted] was living in [redacted] was stopped by a [redacted] for a traffic violation and [redacted] exited his vehicle with a .45 caliber pistol in his hand. [redacted] did not take any action against [redacted] and apologized to [redacted] saying that he did not know that [redacted] was driving the vehicle.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] have since moved, and [redacted] does not know their address. [redacted] said that they could be located through the public defender's office. [redacted] heard from [redacted] of ATF, that [redacted] attempted to purchase a .45 caliber pistol for protection from [redacted] has indicated to [redacted] that he did not want to testify against [redacted]

New Orleans indices were negative for [redacted]

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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (245D-7) (P)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (245D-22) (OC-5) (P)

MIGUEL VELEZ, aka;
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OCDE TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

Re New Orleans teletype to the Director, 2/20/86, and New Orleans teletype to Miami, 3/14/86.

Enclosed for New Orleans are the following:

1. Three plus one copy of each investigative inserts.

2. One FD-302 reference telephone number [redacted] plus one copy.

3. Arrest log for [redacted] 3/2/86, plus one copy.

4. One FD-302 reference interview of [redacted] plus one copy.

5. Two return of service on grand jury subpoenaes for [redacted] plus two FD-302 on service of each.

6. One FD-302 on contents of [redacted] suitcase, plus one copy.

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7. One interview log on interview of [redacted] [redacted]

8. One FD-340 with telephone toll records for telephone number [redacted] b7C

9. One FD-340 with telephone toll records for telephone number [redacted]

For the information of New Orleans, Miami investigation is continuing.

[redacted] is being subpoenaed on non-[redacted] b3 b7C

[redacted] Miami indices on [redacted] is negative.

On 3/13/86, a search warrant was executed at [redacted] [redacted] Miami, Florida, by A.T.F. Agents. This residence being the home of [redacted] [redacted] Found was a item appearing to be a charger for a Walkie-Talkie, description as follows: b7C

NI-CD charger
FUTABA-BENSHI-KOGYO COMPANY, LIMITED
Made in Japan
Model number 840326
Model FBC-2
Transmitter Receiver
NICAD charger

Efforts will continue in an attempt to ascertain if this item was purchased at a RADIO SHACK along with radio found at crime scene.

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Deputy U.S. marshals escort Miguel Velez into waiting police wagon at federal court here Thursday

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Seal case suspect appears in court

By JOHN SEMIEN
Advocate staff writer

Miguel Velez was under heavy guard Thursday in his first federal court appearance here in connection with the machine-gun slaying of drug informant Adler "Barry" Seal.

Velez appeared on a federal complaint of conspiracy and retaliating against a federal witness.

A search warrant filed in federal court Thursday seeks hair, blood and saliva samples from Velez and grants federal officials permission to put him in a lineup for identification purposes.

An affidavit filed with the warrant lists baseball caps, gloves and a blood type on a cigarette among evidence found by state police lab specialists in a late-model blue Lincoln Town Car and a red Cadillac authorities have identified as getaway cars used in Seal's murder.

After asking Velez a few questions through an interpreter, U.S. District Judge John V. Parker gave him until next week to decide whether he wants a hearing on the complaint charging him with "retaliation of a witness for information relating to the commission of federal offenses in the Southern District of Florida."

Parker said Thursday Velez is entitled to a hearing because the complaint has not been taken before a grand jury.

Security was tight for Velez's appearance at the federal building Thursday, with city police detectives in bulletproof vests at side entrances and on the roof and four deputy U.S. marshals in Parker's courtroom.

U.S. Marshal Jim Meyers said the extra guards were used because of the nature of the complaint against Velez and because his office received information that Velez had been threatened.

Through interpreter Catherine I Chavarri, Velez told Parker he is 36, has a second-grade education and that his

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Silhouetted guard keeps watch during Miguel Velez's appearance in federal court

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Velez

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occupation is "cleaning cars" in Miami

Velez, clad in orange inmate pajamas, said he cannot read or write

Velez at first said he could not afford to hire an attorney, but, after a brief consultation with court-appointed attorney Jack Dampf, declined to answer the question.

Dampf said an attorney in New York had been retained in the case through Velez's family

"The attorney is in New York, and he told me he would arrive here this weekend," Dampf said "He said he wanted to talk to Mr. Velez first."

Dampf said he would not initially ask for the hearing because he didn't want to "push anybody into a prosecution before they've had a chence to reflect on the facts."

Parker said he would not allow Dampf to remain on the case as a court-appointed attorney unless Velez testified under oath that he could not afford an attorney.

Parker then had the interpreter read an affidavit outlining the complaint against Velez

It stated that Seal was killed because he was a potential witness in the drug trafficking case of the United States of America vs Pablo Escobar Gaviria

Seal was shot Feb. 19 as he parked his car at the Salvation Army Community Treatment Center on Airline Highway He was serving a six-month sentence at the center under the terms of his probation for federal drug and currency charges

Authorities have said Seal was shot by two Latin men, one carrying a 45-caliber Mac-10 machine gun with silencer and the other carrying a 9mm Uzi semi-automatic pistol

Velez was first seen by FBI agents as he approached the Eastern Airline ticket counter at the New Orleans International Airport at 8:45 p.m. on the night of Seal's murder to ask about flights to Miami, according to an affidavit filed Thursday by FBI Agent Jerry Phipps.

When told there were no flights available, Velez asked about flights to Orlando, Fla., before he was questioned by the agents

He showed them a round-trip ticket that showed his arrival in New Orleans on Feb 16 and his return to Miami scheduled for Feb. 28.

"Velez appeared extremely nervous, hesitant in his speech and was perspiring," the affidavit said. "Velez stated he was in New Orleans on vacation but disclaimed knowledge of persons in New Orlenans

a firearm with an obliterated serial number.

Previous records filed in the case identify Vasquez as the person who rented the two getaway cars. He was captured in a New Orleans suburb Feb 21

Quintero-Cruz, 33, also arrested Feb 21, in Marrero, is facing charges that he is an illegal alien

Vasquez and Quintero-Cruz are being held without bond in New Orleans pending the outcome of detention hearings next week

The affidavit said other prints found in the Cadillac match the prints of John Jairo Cardona-Garcia, 22, who was arrested in Marrero Feb. 21. Cardona-Garcia also faces a detention hearing Monday on immigration charges

Evidence found in the two cars by specialists with the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab includes four baseball

"He stated he needed to return to Miami due to family problems," it said

Velez told the agents he lived in Miami and did not have a telephone number but had a "beeper" device rented from a Miami company, according to Phipp's statement.

He had a United States Passport indicating prior travel to Colombia

"The above Special Agents then determined that Velez went to his room at the Hilton Hotel, Airline Highway, New Orleans and departed without checking out for Montgomery, Ala., via taxi," the affidavit said.

Velez was arrested in the early morning hours of Feb. 20 at Meridian, Miss., after the New Orleans cab he was traveling in collided with a deer.

At the time, he had an Avis Car Rental key ring with keys to a four-door, red Cadillac Deville that officials have identified as one of two getaway cars used by the gunmen

The affidavit said latent fingerprint impressions in the Cadillac and in a rented blue Lincoln also believed to be used by the gunmen matched fingerprints of Velez and suspects Bernardo A. Vasquez and Luis Carlos Quintero-Cruz.

Vasquez, 32, has been charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice, obstruction of justice and possession of

caps found in a Buick used in the slaying, "at least one of which has strands of human hair attached or affixed thereto," the affidavit said.

Lab specialists also found two pairs of gloves "which may contain hair," in the car

A blood type was detected on a cigarette removed from the Buick and Avis Rent-A-Car receipts were found in the red Cadillac, the affidavit said.

Registration cards containing the handwriting of Vasquez and others also have been provided by the manager of the Jay Motel, Airline Highway, the affidavit said.

"Passports and documents relating to Quintero-Cruz, Heliberto Sanchez-Cardenas and Cardona-Garcia reveal that all three came from Medillin, Colombia," the affidavit said. "All three individuals traveled to Panama on February 8, 1986, and into Mexico the same date."

Two other suspects in the case remain in custody in New Orleans and Miami

Sanchez-Cardenas, 27, is scheduled for a detention hearing Friday on charges he illegally entered the United States

Jose Renteria, who was captured in Miami the night of Seal's murder after boarding a flight in New Orleans, was still being held on immigration charges Thursday

Velez was transferred to Baton Rouge earlier this week after a hearing before a federal magistrate in Jackson, Miss.

At the hearing, Phipps testified that Velez is believed to be one of the two gunmen in the Seal killing, but admitted that authorities have not matched fingerprints from the .45-caliber machine pistol or the Uzi 9mm parabellum pistol to Velez's prints.

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FOR INFORMATION OF MIAMI, RECORDS OF [redacted] b7D KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN PATRONIZED BY SEVERAL SUBJECTS IN THIS MATTER.

IN THAT CONNECTION, MIAMI IS REQUESTED TO [redacted]

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MIGUEL VELEZ; [redacted] b7C ADLER BARRY SEALE - VICTIM; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - MURDER; OO: NEW ORLEANS.

RE MIAMI TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS SA [redacted] ON MARCH 24, 1986.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF NEW YORK, ADLER BARRY SEALE, WAS A CONVICTED INTERNATIONAL DRUG SMUGGLER WITH DIRECT TIES TO COLOMBIAN FAMILIES, PARTICULARLY [redacted] SEALE, AS SUBJECT OF A NEW ORLEANS TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION, WAS BEING USED AS A COOPERATING b7C

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DEFENDANT BY DEA IN MIAMI AND LAS VEGAS. AS PART OF HIS SENTENCE, SEALE WAS DOING COMMUNITY SERVICE AT THE SALVATION ARMY HALFWAY HOUSE IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. BARRY SEALE REFUSED WITNESS PROTECTION AND WAS SHOT TO DEATH IN FRONT OF THE SALVATION ARMY BUILDING IN BATON ROUGE.

SIX SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH SEALE'S MURDER IN NEW ORLEANS AND MIAMI. ONE OF THE SUBJECTS, MIGUEL VELEZ (DATE OF BIRTH JUNE 7, 1949, WHITE MALE, 5'8", 185 POUNDS, BLACK CURLY/WAVY HAIR, BROWN EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, THIN MUSTACHE) WAS ARRESTED IN MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, AS HE ATTEMPTED TO FLEE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF NEW YORK AND NEW ORLEANS, [redacted] HOMICIDE VISIION, METRO-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MIAMI, FLORIDA, HAS IDENTIFIED MIGUEL VELEZ, AS A SUSPECT THAT HE IS FAMILIAR WITH, WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH SOME CONTRACT MURDERS IN THE MIAMI AREA. MIGUEL VELEZ, AKA "CUMBAMBA", [redacted] (DATE OF BIRTH [redacted] AND [redacted] HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN [redacted] AND HAS FBI NUMBER [redacted]

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A WARRANT IS OUTSTANDING FOR [redacted] AN ASSOCIATE OF [redacted] IN A PREVIOUS [redacted] IS [redacted] NEW YORK (QUEENS) [redacted] ARE FAMILIAR WITH [redacted] ACCORDING TO [redacted] BUT ARE CURRENTLY OUT OF TOWN.

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INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM METRO-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO DATE WILL BE FORARDED VIA EXPRES MAIL TO BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, ON MARCH 25, 1986.

NEW ORLEANS AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE CHECKS ON ALIASES OF MIGUEL VELEZ [redacted]

WILL FORWARD COPIES OF FINGERPRINTS OF ALL SUBJECTS ARRESTED IN NEW ORLEANS FORCOMPARISON WITH ENTAC SYSTEM AT ETRO HOMICIDE DIVISION AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS IN NUMEROUS MIAMI CONTRCT MURDERS. [redacted]

NEW YORK, AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, WILL CONTACT QUEENS [redacted] AND OBTAIN INFORMATION ON ALIASES

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3 denied bail in informant's death

Federal magistrates Monday ordered three Colombian suspects in the assassination of drug informant Adler "Barry" Seal held without bond pending trial

U S Magistrate Ronald Fonseca ordered Bernardo Vasquez, 32, held without bond for transfer to Baton Rouge to face formal charges and trial for conspiracy, retaliation against a federal witness and possession of a machine gun with an obliterated serial number

"The magistrate found Vasquez was a risk to flee and a danger to the community," said Al Winters, head of the U S Attorney's Strike Force

Winters said Vasquez rented a room Feb. 17 in the Jay Motel on Airline Highway in Baton Rouge The room has a balcony that overlooks the parking lot of the Salvation Army halfway house where Seal was gunned down Feb 19

Winter said he did not know when Vasquez will be sent to Baton Rouge

Another Colombian suspect in the killing already is being held without bond in Baton Rouge He is Miguel Velez, who was arrested in Meridian, Miss, within 12 hours of the Seal killing Velez also is charged with retaliating against a witness

Four other suspects are being held in New Orleans and Miami as illegal aliens

Two of them — John Cardona-Garcia, 22, and Louis Quintero-Cruz, 33, appeared for detention hearings in New Orleans and were ordered held without bond for trial as illegal aliens

Garcia and Cruz were arrested at the same time as Vasquez but at other locations

A fifth suspect, Hiliberto Sanchez-Cardenas, 27, of Colombia was arrested within hours of the assassination near New Orleans airport He is scheduled for a detention hearing as an illegal alien Tuesday

Another suspect, arrested at Miami airport within hours of the killing of Seal, also is being held as an illegal alien He is Jose Renteria, who claimed to be a Puerto Rican

Winters said the suspects had two rooms rented in the Hilton Hotel in Kenner, where they waited to take flights out of New Orleans

FBI agents have recovered three cars, two of them rented, used in the killing plot

Most of the suspects are from Medellin, Colombia, the home of Jorge Ochoa, a cocaine lord who drug enforcement agents believe put out a contract on Seal's life

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